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Examiner: Portner, Virginia Allen

Applicant: Jing-Hui TIAN, et al.

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Title: HELICOBACTER PROTEINS, GENE SEQUENCES AND USES THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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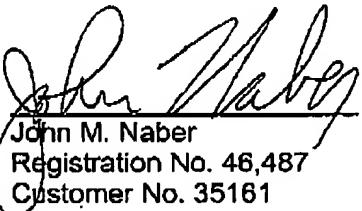
Sir:

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action, dated April 26, 2005, for the above-identified application, from July 26, 2005 to October 26, 2005.

A credit card authorization form for the payment of the statutory fee of \$1,020.00 is attached. The Commissioner is directed and authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayment of fees which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.

Respectfully submitted,

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